

Garden Voices

Find the action a persuasive author wants readers to take.

2.9.E.i “stating what the author is trying to persuade the reader to think or do; and”

NAME _____

DATE _____

1 READ AND MARK _____ Read it twice

YOUR JOB Underline the sentence that tells what the author wants you to do. Circle two sentences that give reasons for doing it.

Make Room for a Garden

- ① Our school should plant a small garden by the playground. Students could grow carrots, beans, and bright flowers. A garden would give us a calm place to look at living plants during recess.
- ② Gardens can also help us learn. We could watch seeds sprout, measure tall plants, and draw insects that visit flowers. These hands-on lessons would make science feel real, not only something we read in a book.
- ③ A garden needs care, but each class could take a short turn watering and pulling weeds. Please ask the principal to make space for a school garden. Our playground can be a place to play and learn.

2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE Use the passage

1 What does the author want you to do?

2 Which sentence most clearly tells the action the author wants readers to take?

3 What does the author want readers to think about a school garden? Use one reason from the passage.

3 YOUR TURN Your own words

Think of one change you want at school. Write two sentences to persuade a reader: name the change and give one reason it would help.

PART 1 • READ AND MARK

Underline the sentence that tells what the author wants you to do. Circle two sentences that give reasons for doing it. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

PART 2 • ANSWERS

#	QUESTION	ANSWER
1	What does the author want you to do?	Ask the principal to make space for a school garden.
2	Which sentence most clearly tells the action the author wants readers to take?	"Please ask the principal to make space for a school garden."
3	What does the author want readers to think about a school garden? Use one reason from the passage.	The author wants readers to think a school garden is useful because it helps students learn science by watching plants and insects.

PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)

Our school should add a covered bike rack. It would keep bikes dry when it rains.

Accept answers that identify the author's goal as getting readers to ask for or support a school garden. For the open task, accept a clear requested change and a reason that supports it.